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C. W. MILLER

who will undoubtedly be our next State Senator, as the trend of Public Sentiment in Ellis county and all over the District is in his favor. His loyalty to our public institutions cannot be questioned. He would always be found in the front trench fighting for Hays and the interest of Western Kansas—he can and will win.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Milton Luce, Wednesday, June 28th, a seven and one half pound boy.

Fill the Ticket.

This being Presidential year the Republican county ticket should be filled so as to present a solid front. We suggest that the Republican County Central Committee be called together and arrange to put on a Clerk of the Court, Coroner, County Surveyor, and one Justice of the Peace for the city of Hays. The Republicans have a sure show to win. Let's fill the ticket.

A Good Show.

The play "What happened to the Devil" given under the auspices of the Presbyterian Ladies Aid Society on last Tuesday evening, was a success both as a play and financially.

The work of Miss Olive Kackley of Chicago, as a coach is always a guarantee to Hays people of the merits of a performance.

The members of the cast as a whole fitted their parts unusually well. It takes hard and careful practice to produce a play in one week. The cast deserves much credit for its work.

The proceeds from the play go to the Presbyterian manse building fund.

R. S. Winslow and daughter Blanche of Oakley, were callers at the Free Press office this Friday afternoon.

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CHARLES RIEDEL.

"The Golden Beetle" at the New Opera House this Friday night. Jacob Feitz is quite sick. Is under the care of a physician.

Harold Gill and Alva Woolridge went to Russell, Wednesday morning to take the annual creamery examination.

Mrs. G. Crawford is expected to arrive this Saturday evening. She will be the guest of Mrs. and Miss Leahy. Master Harold Straily of Topeka, is here visiting his cousins, Hazel and Marvin Straily.

Judge D. C. Nellis and wife are here from Topeka this week, the guests of Miss Bessie Leahy.

Wanted.—Two or three furnished rooms for light housekeeping. Inquire at the Free Press office.

Mrs. F. W. Kraus and daughter, Lavona, returned Tuesday morning, from a very pleasant visit with relatives and friends in Iowa.

Wesley Young from Ames College, Iowa, will spend his summer vacation at the country home of his aunt, Mrs. F. W. Kraus.

The new organ at the Normal is being rapidly placed in position and Mr. Johnson, the builder from Los Angeles, has arrived to oversee its installation and the opening trial concert.

Considerable damage was done wheat and other growing crops by hail, during the heavy storm Monday morning. The hail insurance agents were kept quite busy adjusting losses during the past two or three days of this week.

Mrs. Alva Miller and children and Mrs. Edna Hickson of Manhattan, daughters of Jonah Nulton are visiting here. Mr. Hickson is a member of the Kansas Militia and has been called to the colors.

Oley Davidson, Ross Bentley, Art Bentley and Harry and Ernest Trimmer were here from Gove County, Monday, to be present at the demonstration of the new wheat cutting and threshing machine. However, on account of the machine not arriving in time the demonstration was postponed until a later date.

It is understood that Prof. J. S. Bird has purchased a controlling interest in the Ellis County News. That he will resign his position as instructor at the Fort Hays Normal and take editorial management of the paper on August 1st. If Mr. Bird makes as good an editor as he has been a teacher, he will be a success.

Isaac Zeigler has sold his business house and lot, corner of South Main and Chestnut Streets to Axel Cochran, price \$6,750. Five years ago the property probably could have been purchased for \$2,500. Five years more of continued prosperity for Hays, will double and perhaps treble the present selling price.

Judge J. H. Reeder, while in Tyler, Texas, on a recent trip, went out to the old prison and looked it over. He wanted to see it, because his half brother David Reeder, of the 43rd Ind. Vol. and Charles Blackmun of Hays, were prisoners there. Judge wrote "tell Blackmun that I went to the spring where they got water all the time they were in prison."

Monday, the U. P. people moved an old box car out near the track west of town about opposite Bunker's rooming house and installed a number of their Italian section men therein. The citizens or that part of the city are grumbling as those men are not over cleanly, careful of their person nor their language. The city health officer should look into this matter.

Miss Nellie M. Reeder, was appointed a delegate from Wellesley College, and is attending the Conference on International Relations for University Students, June 21st to July 1st, 1916, under the auspices of the Federation of International Policy Clubs, Western Reserve University, Cleveland, Ohio. She writes that David Starr Jordan is the leader, and that she will reach home the first of the week.

The Saturday Afternoon Club of Hays has presented a statue to the Public Library for the benefit of citizens of Hays. The subject is Cyrus E. Dallin's "Sagehew" or the "Bird Woman" that accompanied and guided the Lewis and Clark expedition through the Northwest. Thus, again, have the members shown their civic pride and interest in the educational and artistic advancement in Hays. The presentation and unveiling exercises were held at the Library June 24.

At the Chapel exercises at the Fort Hays Normal on Wednesday morning, Miss Charlotte Hussey of Ellis, the young lady who is in charge of the Children's Playground this summer, and a teacher of a college in Iowa, recited a part of the "Melting Pot," the play that is to be given at the Chautauque next Tuesday, so the students might know something of the wonderful story. She is an elegant elocutionist and her recital brought a hearty encore to which she responded with another recitation.

Civic League Notes.

The Court yard lawn has been improved greatly by cutting the grass and weeds.

There is no reason why our court yard lawn should not be the most beautiful in the city. We have some very beautiful ones where the people do the work themselves and pay for the water to make the grass grow. It is hoped that some good work may be done this fall. The ground should be made smooth and level and the trees thinned out, the black locust which are fast dying out should be replaced by evergreens or some other more attractive tree. It could be a very attractive park and add much to the looks of our city.

There is nothing prettier as an exterior decoration than the vines which are growing so nicely everywhere about the city. They make a very rapid growth and are grown from a slip. The Normal Gymnasium is almost completely covered. The rear of the shoe hospital building where the family of N. P. Gasman, the shoe doctor resides is a place of artistic beauty. You cannot get by the residence of Thomas Carrik without pausing in your hurry to admire the beautiful lawn and the porch where the "wood-bine twine" grows. The vines add freshness and coolness wherever they grow.

The judges for the different wards have been appointed who will decide upon the best kept and most beautiful lawn and the most artistic and attractive flower beds. They will do their viewing and inspecting unknown and prizes will be awarded later. The back yards are to be taken into consideration too this year.

Hays has a hospital the pride of the west.

The ladies of the Civic League contemplate the erection of a suitable marker in the cemetery in memory of Martin Allen who donated the ground for Mount Allen cemetery.

There is but one advantage in the narrow streets that the unwise founders of our city have left us, that we might forever be thought out, that is street paving will not cost so much—yet what would we not give to add some width to our streets.

Is there a law in our state to protect the song birds? If there is, it should be enforced. If there is not some legislation should be made to prohibit this malicious practice. Boys have been seen heartlessly killing song-birds within our city limits. Could there be anything more vicious thought of.

We are hearty in sympathy with the suggestions of our District Judge in his letter concerning our jails. It is hoped that the times not far distant when some plan may be thought out, whereby able bodied men who are sent to jail might be employed in the open air instead of maintained in idleness in a stuffy room where they spend the entire twenty-four hours of the day. There can be no improvement expected either mentally or physically by this method.

We are strongly in favor of the street paving movement. The frequent rains have done the work of the street sprinkler. It is the opinion of the street paving was an absolute necessity. Property owners along Chestnut Street were eager to sign up for the good cause last week.

There is no enterprising public-spirited citizen who would support a good move toward civic improvement.

Lost—Gold pin with bangle attached on short chain. Reward to finder. F. A. Leonard, care of Medicine Show.

Eva Gatewood left Wednesday, for a visit with her uncle in Texas.

George Lohnes and wife and Carl Weiler, were over from Neas City, Tuesday.

Mrs. Walter Scott was operated on for gall stones at the Hays hospital, Tuesday.

Mrs. Alois Bisling and son John, are visiting Mrs. Mary Rea of Seneca, Kansas.

Miller Brothers have recently purchased the Geo. Griffith orchard in Northeast Hays.

Dr. Haas' brother-in-law, Wilbur Griswold and wife, who have been visiting here for several days, returned to their home in Kansas City, Tuesday.

Mr. F. A. O'Malley has rented the Pete Smith business house on East Chestnut Street and has fitted it up for a restaurant. Mr. O'Malley is "a long, long way from Tipperary" but his heart lies with the people of his adopted country. Here's to the new business in South Hays. May it prosper!

H. D. Shaffer and wife left the first of this week on an auto trip to Colorado, Miss Georgia Virmond accompanied them.

Robert Start and son James R. Start drove over from McCracken the latter part of last week in their new six cylinder Ford car. It was a grand looking car from James' parents and the young man is sure proud of his prize.

Mr. J. B. Schmeltzer, father of Mrs. J. G. Brenner, died at the Hays hospital last Sunday, of cancer, age sixty-two years. Mr. Schmeltzer was a pioneer of Lincoln County. He at an early day was engaged in the mercantile trade. Mr. and Mrs. Brenner accompanied his remains to Sylvan Grove where he was laid to rest beside his wife who has preceded him to the shores of time.

Otis L. Benton who was here several days last week, met the majority of the leaders of the party, spoke at the unveiling of the statue of Sacajawea, the Indian girl who led the Lewis-Clark expedition, and also addressed the young people at the Methodist church Sunday morning. Everywhere he met with unquestionable favor among the people of Ellis county. If favorable impression and public expression are any criterion, Mr. Benton will be the next congressman from this district.

Entertainments This Week. The Chautauque opened Thursday afternoon with a good number of the evening the Schildkret Hungarian orchestra held the audience spell-bound for nearly two hours. Their music was highly appreciated.

Leonard, with his medicine show, entertained a large and seemingly appreciative audience each evening.

Every evening this week either the New Opera House or the Crystal have been putting on the screens some very excellent pictures.

The Romance of Harvesting.

This is a story of the Fairy. It is more interesting than the tales of the Arabian Nights, and more thrilling than the Adventures of Sinbad, the Sailor.

For 5000 years men saved the wheat crops with the old hand-sickle. Every bushel of wheat required three hours of a man's life to produce it. The cradle came and took the sickle's place, lasting about seventy-five years, to lighten the burdens of the grain growers. In the year 1800—that famous year in the world's history, Cyrus H. McCormick was born—the year Lincoln and Darwin were born—two other liberators of the race. He gave to the world the self-binding harvester. It reduced the time to produce a bushel of wheat to ten minutes. Men thought for years the last thought had been given. It had revolutionized small grain farming, and made the United States the granary of the world. It may be hard for us to believe it, but the main object of man for the last 10,000 years, had been to get bread. Famine was always stalking near the people in those days.

Only kings and their retinues had enough bread to eat. It is no exaggeration to say that the world was hungry for countless centuries. Black bread was food for the common man. Even the nations that gave to the world Galileo, Laplace and Newton were always seeing the ghosts of hunger until McCormick came. We had thought that this man had ushered in the Millennium of Prosperity. He had. He will live among the immortals of history.

But the last word was not said nor the last basic notion had not been thought by McCormick, as most men had supposed. About eight years ago a Kansas boy dreamed that he could construct a machine that would thresh the grain while standing, leaving the straw on the ground, eliminating the header barge, the threshing machine crew and all the burdens that needs must fall upon the farmer's wife and daughters. On last Wednesday we witnessed the dream of eight years ago in action. We saw the standing grain thresher at work. We saw the call of the farmers answered. We saw the work of McCormick out distanced, and what had revolutionized harvesting of the last half of the nineteenth century and perfected in the first of the twentieth century take its place along side of the sickle, cradle, Marsh harvester, and Osborne wire binder—I mean the McCormick twine binders and headers.

While we will not forget the benefactors of the past, but let us not cling to the traditions of ancient days, but take hold of this "new thought" that originated in Kansas, press the opportunity and gladly recognize the new inventor, Curtis C. Baldwin of Nickerson.

We went to the Experimental Station, the largest one of its kind in the world, to watch this machine make its showing. It was started in a field of tough, half ripe rye, much of it still in the dough. Four mules were hitched to the machine, the gasoline engine was started, the wheels obeyed the applied power, the cylinder speeded up to about 800 revolutions and the thresher was pushed into the grain passing across one end of the field, and at least three hundred men watched it work. After reaching the south side of the plot the machine stopped, men gathered around, making comments as to the results, but one and all agreed it "would work." The machine may not be perfect in its construction, but it does perfect work.

We are free to say it is the most far-reaching, revolutionary piece of machinery that has been given to the agricultural world in the last eighty years. Perhaps it will add more to the happiness of man, conserve the soil better and make it possible for more people throughout the world to eat white bread than any invention that has been given to man during the long roll of time.—A. S. Haje.

Sunday School Convention.

The Annual Convention of the Ellis County Sunday School met in the M. E. church at Hays, on Friday, June 16th. A good attendance betokened the interest people are taking in this work. One thing very gratifying was that all speakers on the program were present to take their part.

The Superintendents of the various schools reported the "best thing done the past year." Miss Sutton of the Presbyterian church, was glad the Sunday School had held together with no decrease in the absence of a pastor. Mr. Rogers of the Baptist church felt the organized Bible class was their best step. Mr. C. J. Smith for the Lutheran, was proud of their teachers' training class, the largest in the county. Mr. Scott of the M. E. reported the organization of a Business Men's Bible class as the most important. Mr. D. Gugler of M. E. church at Ellis, reported the largest Home Department in the county. Mr. J. W. Nicholson of the Congregational church of Ellis, reported the largest Cradle Roll and also the fact that their Sunday School is steadily growing in spite of there being no pastor of that church. The Good Hope Union Sunday School reported a gift of \$10.00 to the Children's Home Finding Society of Kansas, and the Turkville Baptist reported that they expect to have graded lessons soon. The Lake Provident Baptist of Ellis, was reorganized recently and the County President reported their song and prayer service as being exceptionally fine.

The United States Census Statistics

CONTAINS SOME INTERESTING FIGURES

These figures show that sixty-six, read it, (66) out of 100 people dying in the United States have absolutely no estate. They die penniless.

Of the remaining thirty-four (34) persons, twenty-five die with less than \$1300, and only nine (9) persons in one hundred (100) have more than \$5000 when they die.

The above figures are not estimates, idle guesses or fiction, they are the facts, arrived at by the U. S. Government in its Census reports.

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HAYS, KANSAS

There are ten Sunday Schools in the county with a total enrollment of 1229.

Besides this there are 1152 boys and girls under fifteen years of age receiving religious instruction in the Catholic church. The following officers were elected: President, Prof. F. B. Lee, Hays; Vice president, Mrs. Oscar Strailey, Yocemento; Secretary-Treasurer, Mrs. T. M. Wood, Hays; Elementary Superintendent, Mrs. C. J. Smith, Hays; Secondary Superintendent, H. Weber, Ellis; Adult Superintendent, Prof. C. W. Harper, Ellis; Visitation Superintendent, Miss Mary Virmond, Hays; Temperance Superintendent, W. A. Smith, Hays; Teacher Training Superintendent, Mrs. Geo. Bear, Hays; Missionary Superintendent, Mrs. Meyer, Ellis.

Ice Cream.

On next Tuesday, July 4th, commencing at 4 o'clock, the ladies of the Methodist church will serve ice cream and cake on the court house lawn. Everybody is urged to eat with them.

Ellis, with its usual hustle, will celebrate July Fourth. The proceeds of the entertainments in the evening will go for the Ellis Y. M. C. A. and the Hays Hospital. Hays has not celebrated our Independence Day for more than twenty-five years.

Notice of Letting Bridge Contracts.

(First published July 1, 1916.)
County or Ellis, ss.

Office of the County Clerk.
Public notice is hereby given that sealed bids will be received at the office of the County Clerk of Ellis County, Kansas, at Hays, Kansas, up to 12 o'clock noon on the 21st day of July, 1916, for the furnishing of all labor and material for the construction of the following described bridges and parts of bridges in said county, to-wit:

One bridge across the Saline river at Lowe crossing between section 15 and 16, Twp., 11, R. 19. Said bridge to be one-plate steel girder type, having 33 ft. 4 in. spans, two concrete piers with steel tube foundations, two concrete abutments; and reinforced concrete floor.

One bridge across the Saline river at Reed crossing, in section 12-11-18. Said bridge to be one-plate steel girder type, having two 30 foot spans, one concrete pier with steel tube foundations, two concrete abutments and reinforced concrete floor.

Two new fifty foot spans to Schoenchen bridge across the Smoky river, in sec. 23-15-18. These new spans to be Truss type and conform to the present two new spans of said bridge. There is to be a new reinforced concrete pier for, and reinforced concrete floor on, these two new spans.

Said bridges and parts of bridges to be constructed and all work to be performed and material furnished according to the notice and the plans and specifications on file in the office of the County Clerk. A certified check equal in amount to at least two per cent of bid, and payable to the County Treasurer of Ellis County, to guarantee good faith in bidding must accompany each bid. Bonds as required by sections 2081 and 6256 of Gen. St. of 1909 and Chap. 70 of the Session Laws of 1915 must be given by successful bidder. Bids must state unit prices for extras.

Each bidder must submit separate bid for each structure and also submit entire bid for all. Payment for part of said bridges will be made by time order issued under authority of Chap. 68, Laws of 1911, and each bidder must state for how much of his bid or for what bridges he is willing to accept such time orders in payment and for what length of time.

This notice shall be considered part of contract of successful bidder. The County Commissioners reserve the right to accept separate bids for any one or more structures or one bid for all and also the right to reject any and all bids and award the contracts to the best interests of the County.

By order of the Board of County Commissioners.

Geo. H. Brown,

County Clerk.

THE CHURCHES.

Trinity Lutheran Church.

10:00 a. m. Sunday School.
11:00 a. m. Preaching.
7:00 p. m. Young People's Society.
8:00 p. m. Preaching.
8:00 p. m., Wednesday, Prayer meeting.

The Holy Communion will be observed in the Lutheran church this Sunday, July 2nd, at 11 a. m.

There will be no services in the evening on account of Chautauque.

Presbyterian Church.

10:00 a. m. Sunday School.
11:00 a. m. Preaching.
7:15 p. m. Y. P. S. C. E.
8:00 p. m. Preaching.
8:00 p. m., Wednesday, Prayer Service and Bible Study.

All are cordially invited to the services.

There will be no evening services Sunday, or Wednesday evening service on account of Chautauque.

The play, "What Happened to the Devil," which was given for the benefit of the Ladies Aid Society, was quite a success. Also the day ladies took possession of Kings' ice cream parlor. The proceeds of both events will go as a part of the share given by the Ladies' Aid Society for the new manse.

Communion services will be held Sunday morning. Several new members will be taken in.

Baptist Notes.

10:00 a. m. Sunday School.
11:00 a. m. Preaching.
7:00 p. m. B. Y. P. U.
7:00 p. m. Juniors.
8:00 p. m. Preaching.
Wednesday, 8:00 p. m. Prayer meeting.

You are welcome to all these services.

Rev. Edward O. Rogers,

Pastor.

Methodist Notes.

9:45 a. m. Sunday School.
11:00 a. m. Preaching.
7:00 p. m. Epworth League.
8:00 p. m. Preaching.
7:30 p. m., Wednesday Prayer meeting.

Prof. R. H. Phalen, one of the well known singers of Kentucky, will sing for the congregation Sunday morning.

The primary Sunday School under the direction of Mrs. Joe Irwin, gave a picnic in the church parlors on last Tuesday. At least seventy-five youngsters were present. All the little people report a good time.

On next Tuesday afternoon commencing at 4 o'clock, the ladies of the church will serve ice cream and cake on the court house lawn.

Next Sunday morning the pastor will use as his subject "The Harvest and the Harvester." All are urged to be present.

The Men's Business class meets in the pastor's study at ten o'clock Sunday. Now the class is growing. It discusses the great questions of the hour. It teaches applied Christianity. You are wanted at this class. No dress parade, but real fellowship and thinking found. Come.

Alex Schuler left the first of this week for Flint, Michigan, the home of the Buick automobile.

Motorcycle for Sale.

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